Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, June 19, 2022

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who sincerely repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

Greeting And Announcements: The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the \bigstar *Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **Amen!**

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Kneel]

Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father; I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.



- [Antiphon] Be to me a rock of | ref-__ uge, || to which I | may con- tin- •ually• | come; || you have given the command to | save__ me, || for you are | my rock and my | •fortress•.
- Verse 1: You who have made me see many troubles and ca- | lam- i- ties || will re- |
 vive_ me a- | gain; || from the depths | of the earth || you will | bring me up
 a- | gain.
- Verse 2: You will increase my greatness and comfort | me a- gain. || I will also | praise you with the | harp || for your faithfulness, | O my God; || I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy | One of Is- ra- | el.
- Verse 3: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing | •praises• to you; || my soul also, which | you__ have re- | deemed. || And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all | the day long, || for they have been put to shame and disappointed who | sought to do me | hurt.
- *Gloria:* Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever.• A- | men!
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Salutation



Collect for the Second Sunday after Pentecost: O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



[Be Seated] + The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 65:1-9
[After the reading] This is the word of the Lord	
Epistle of the Day	Galatians 3:23-4:7
[After the reading] This is the word of the Lord.	

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[[]Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." Alleluia!



Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[Bow] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life + of the world to come. Amen!

[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day Rise, Shine, You People Burgundy Hymn 825

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church



com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest.

[Kneel] Lord's Prayer

[Pastor chants:] Our Father who art in heaven; but deliver us from evil.



Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Baptized into Your Name Burgundy Hymn 590 Jesus Comes Today with Healing Burgundy Hymn 620

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanza 3; Men alone sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5 & 6.]

[Rise] Eucharistic Benediction





Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



The Lord be with you.





Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

Recessional Hymn Praise the One Burgundy Hymn 849

Postlude

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Readings for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"

to a nation that was not called by my name. I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. Behold, it is written before me:

"I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their lap

both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD;

because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills,

I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds." Thus says the LORD:

"As the new wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,

and from Judah possessors of my mountains;

my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

The Epistle is Galatians 3:23-4:7

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

The Gospel is Luke 8:26-39

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Hymns for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

LSB825 Rise, Shine, You People

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- Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered Our human story; God in Him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.
- See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; He brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.
- Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling, Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.
- Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.

LSB590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy Johann Jacob Rambach

- Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host. Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.
- My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir. My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share. O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.

Ronald A. Klug

- My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure. O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure. Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.
- All that I am and love most dearly— Receive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be! Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

LSB620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

- Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing, Off'ring pardon, grace and peace. He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast."
- Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken, And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.
- W 3. Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy, Blood and body, giv'n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven, Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursed tree.
- M 4. God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour____ In this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving, I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.

Heinrich Puchta

- Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation, Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

LSB849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness Rusty Edwards Text: © 1987 Hope Publishing Co; Used by permission. LSBHymnLicense.net #100012381.

- Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light; Praise the One who frees the pris'ners Turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease, Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
- Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle word; Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing two-edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand; From this Well comes living water Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

The Second Sunday after Pentecost



Zion Hbangelical Lutheran Church

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The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to be the body of Christ gathered at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana to:

- Receive Christ's gifts in baptism, preaching, teaching, and the Eucharist;
- Reach out to those who do not know the love of God in Christ;
- Reveal Christ's love for the world through acts of kindness and mercy toward all.

The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor: Field Worker: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397) Patrick Jackson

The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Teachers: Sheila Nehrenz (744-0459) Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan, Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, 3rd vacant, John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music: Church Office Manager: Michael Hollman, MM Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially the Indiana District meeting in Convention this week
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworker Patrick Jackson; for vicars-elect, including Erik Saunders, and pastors-elect, including Kyle Nelson
- + For our nation; for our leaders, our military, including James Hall, especially at this perilous time in our world
- For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, those who have accepted our calls Amber Bahr & Abigail DeForest, and those whom we have contracted Abby Springer, Lily Hoffman, & Abbey Zelt (3rd grade teacher, not yet confirmed), and the congregations they will be leaving
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including Everett Beck, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death, including Willie Manning and Thomas DiBella
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Josefa Schaper, Art Litke, William Wallschlaeger, Bill Weinrich, Paul Dolde, Tyler Muehl, Kathy Vlot, Willodean Bates, Julie Ganaway, Sherry Freeman, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Louise Petrillo, Marianne Billings, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Michael & Jonathan Thomas
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Second Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of both Michael & Jonathan Thomas' 22nd birthday by their parents Judy & Marty Thomas. Please complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

June 19, 2021 thru June 25, 2022

SUN.	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday Divine Service (Father's Day) Adult Bible Class	Church Bauer Hall	
MON. TUES.				
WED.	10:00 AM	Junior Catechesis District Convention set up	Zoom Grand Wayne	
	5:30PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church	
THURS.	All Day	District Convention	Grand Wayne	
FRI.	All Day	District Convention	Grand Wayne	
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church	
	9:00 AM 1-4 PM	Joint Council Meeting Brendon Seifert Graduation Party	Bauer Hall	
June 26, 2022				
SUN.	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday Divine Service Adult Bible Class	Church Bauer Hall	

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Pastor Punke will use today a Bible Study prepared for the 175th Anniversary of the Synod. No Sunday School or Junior Catechesis on Sundays during the summer.

THANKS to Rev. Art Litke who will cover Wednesday Divine Service, and Pastor-elect Kyle Nelson, who will preach next Sunday. We will bid them farewell, also.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to the men of Zion given the privilege of raising up children *"in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"* (Eph. 6:4).

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 1 Corinthians 15:58—"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." Last week's verse was John 15:5.

CLHS seeks a qualified candidate to serve as the Assistant to the Controller. The candidate must possess at least an Associate Degree in Business, or equivalent. The candidate must have the ability to handle confidential matters, set priorities, work well under pressure with an attention to detail and must be a self-motivator. To view the full position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit <u>www.clhscadets.com/employment</u>. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

CULTIVATING RESILIENCE AFTER TRAUMA is an event being held at Zion Friedheim on Thursday, August 18, beginning with a meal at 5:30 p.m. with the presentation starting at 6 p.m. Reservations may be made by contacting Joe Gorman by cell at 260.706.0999 or by e-mail at <u>preblegormans@gmail.com</u>. The reservation deadline is Sunday, August 7, 2022. There is no charge for the meal; however, a free-will donation may be received to offset the cost of the meal. This one and one-half hour workshop will explore understanding how the neurobiology of trauma affects us as humans.

RIGHT TO LIFE NIGHT AT THE TINCAPS: Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana Tuesday, June 21st for Right to Life Night at the TinCaps and a celebration of fatherhood! The game vs. the Great Lakes Loons starts at 7:05 PM. Tickets are \$15 for seats or \$10 for lawn. This event takes place on Family Feast Night, with discounts on select concession items, such as hot dogs, popcorn, and soft drinks. There are also postgame fireworks!

RLNI IS HIRING: Right to Life of Northeast Indiana is excited to be expanding the team once again! We are looking for a new staff member who will manage event planning. We are looking to fill this full-time position this summer. Interested candidates should contact <u>abigail@ichooselife.org</u> for the detailed position description.

LIFE DEFENDERS TRAINING Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana July 15 at 4:30 pm - July 16 at 5:00 pm. This overnight event, open to high school and college-aged students, equips young people to speak confidently and graciously to the most pressing moral issue of our time – abortion. The \$35 registration fee includes meals, dorm room housing, teaching materials, and a Life Defenders t-shirt. For more info, visit: www.ichooselife.org/Training.

WYNEKEN MEMORIAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL (Decatur, IN) is seeking a parttime teacher's aide for the 2022-2023 school year. Interested individuals should send a cover letter along with a resume to Mr. Andrew Gavrun. For additional information, please contact Mr. Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or <u>principal@wyneken.org</u>.

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For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

Morning Prayer	DAILY LECTIONARY	Evening Prayer
Luke 8:26-39	The Second Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 65:1-9
John 18:15-40	Monday	Proverbs 22:22–23:12
John 19:1-22	Tuesday	Proverbs 24:1-22
John 19:23-42	Wednesday	Proverbs 25:1-22
John 20:1-18	Thursday	Proverbs 27:1-24
John 20:19-31	Friday	Proverbs 30:1-9, 18-33
John 21:1-25	Saturday	Proverbs 31:10-31

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Let us pray:

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Your mercy, hear our praver. Amen!

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including <u>Matthew</u>, our synod president, and <u>Daniel</u>, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Your mercy, <u>hear our prayer. Amen!</u>

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Third Sunday after Pentecost Galatians 5:1, 13-25



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Acknowledging the Mighty Works of God

[Lecturing on Psalm 77:1, Luther said,] It is clear that for many years we have prayed and continue to pray "Our Father, who art in heaven" and "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth." Yet we do not perfectly pray this first part of the prayer and the creed. This is so because in every creature and its function we do not acknowledge, praise, bless, fear and love Him, and receive instruction from Him, as the Father who gives it to us and as the Creator who has created it.

Moreover ... we may take as works of the Lord also those which He performed in the prophet and in anyone praying this psalm in his conversion. So that he who has begun the new life does nothing but proclaim that this change of the right hand of the Most High (v. 10) has been done in him and constantly confess His works in thanksgiving. Thus He commanded the children of Israel always to remember their exodus from Egypt and the misery in which they had been. And in the gospel the Lord commanded the person freed from the demon to go and tell what great things God had done for him (Luke 8:39). ... So when this psalm is spoken in the person of the faithful synagog or the primitive church, the church confesses the works of the Lord Christ, by means of which He led it out of the spiritual Egypt, out of the rule of sin and world and devil. Hence the spiritual crucifixion and the plagues of Egypt in a moral sense are here beautifully depicted. First the moral Egypt must be stung and humbled and destroyed, and then, finally, follows the change of the right hand of the Most High.

Luther's Works, 11:16-7.

To Bethlehem, Mt. Calvary, Peace and Zion Congregations.

I just want to thank everyone for supporting Christian Education all these years. LSUS has existed for 12 years now but the history and education between our 4 churches leads back many years. Each congregation making the sacrifice to put education at the forefront because it was important. Christian education is equally important today as the world turns further away from God.

The ministry at LSUS is unique. It is evangelism and mission work right here in our own backyard in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. It's an opportunity to share the Gospel every day to those who may not know or understand it.

Thank you for your support throughout the years. The lives changed and impacted over these many years is something to feel good about. So many of us had that Christian school support for ourselves and for our own children. And now we need to continue to support that mission and ministry at LSUS for other children and families who need to hear the word of God.

I can't imagine not being a part of LSUS. But, I can imagine a bright future for LSUS. LSUS has gone through many changes over the years and it will continue to evolve and change, but the one thing that has never changed is our Lord.

He has been with LSUS through each and every change. He has been in charge and will continue to be in charge. He will continue to put the right people in place at the right time.

As the 4 of us leave LSUS know that the new people have been carefully selected and chosen to lead LSUS forward.

Please welcome and continue to pray for:

Principal	Amber Bahr	confirmed
Kindergarten	Abby Springer	confirmed
3 rd grade	Abbey Zelt	pending
6 th Grade	Abigail DeForest	confirmed
7 th Grade	Lily Hoffman	confirmed

In Christ,

Sheila Nehrenz